(b) the achievement made in Orissa and schemes proposed to be taken up in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Seedlings are distributed by the State Governments under their social forestry programme and seedlings of fuelwood, fodder and fruit-berring species are given preference. Central assistance is provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Decentralised Nurseries to the State Governments for establishing people's nurseries.

(b) As against the target of 500 lakh seedlings to be distributed in 1991-92, 421.11 lakh seedling had been distributed in Orissa upto end of December 1991. The target for distribution of seedlings is fixed on year to year basis, keeping in view the requirement of the seedlings and availability of financial and other resources.

Environmental Standards

941. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the minimum environmental standards laid down for different industries;

(b) whether these norms have been reviewed recently to make them more realistic;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to implement the revised norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) 55 emissions and effluent standards for different categories of industries have been notified so far under the rules of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(b) and (c) Representations regarding standards in respect of 5 categories of industries namely pulp and paper, distillery, pharmaceuticals, man-made fibre (semi-synthetic) and metallurgy have been recently looked into.

(d) Does not arise.

Criteria for 'Ecomark' label

942. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have notified the criteria for issue of 'Ecomark' label on consumer products;

(b) if so, th e details of the criteria and the objective behind it;

(c) the details of consumer items identified for the purpose; and

(d) whether Government have received objections, if any, from producers against the notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government have notified the parameters to be used to determine the criteria for issue of Ecomark label for various products vide Gazette of India dated 21st February, 1991. These parameters are:

(i) Production process including source of raw material;

(ii) Case of natural resources;

(iii) Likely impact on the environment;

(iv) Energy Conservation in the pro-production of the product;

(v) Effect and extent of waste arising from the production process;

(vi) Disposal of the product and its container;

(vii) Utilisation of waste and recycled materials;

(viii) Suitability for recycling or packaging;

(ix) Biodegradability.